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YOUNGSTOWN AIR RESERVE STATION, OHIO – The 910th Airlift Wing Family Support Center will conduct the second annual volunteer recognition luncheon May 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building 128 here.

DATE: May 20, 2004

The luncheon will honor the contributions of community members who have given their time and talents to improve the programs and services of the 910th Family Support Center during the previous year.

More than 70 volunteers representing many of the area's organizations have been invited to this year's luncheon. Many local employers encourage their employees to participate in community service and organizations such as American Red Cross, Delphi Packard Electric Systems, Walmart Inc., as well as several local and state governmental agencies are slated to have members attend.

Volunteers assist the Family Support Center with programs such as monthly contact calls, children's birthday card mailing, care package creation, homecoming and deployment support and the production of a quarterly newsletter.

The Family Support Center provides assistance to more than 1,400 reservists, nearly 500 of whom have been called to active duty in support of the war on terrorism.

The Family Support Center was established to provide military members and their families with assistance before, during and after times of military mobilization, deployment, local or national emergencies, disasters, and evacuation. Their staff promotes family preparedness through self help and education and in times of crisis are often the first link to on-and off-base resources.

MEDIA ADVISORY: If you are planning on covering this event, <u>please contact the 910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office at (330) 609-1236 to RSVP</u>. Interested news media should plan on arriving at Youngstown Air Reserve Station between 10:30 and 11 a.m. today.